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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM: ZAMBIAN REACTION TO YOUR
MESSAGE TO KAUNDA (S/S: 7625258)

REFS: STATE 296386; LUSAKA 3282; GENEVA 9707; GENEVA 9742
(ALL NODIS)

TO THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLELE THROUGH HABIB

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN LUSAKA 3282 AND GENEVA 9742 WHICH
PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ZAMBIAN REACTION TO YOUR LATEST
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA. PRESUMABLY KAUNDA WILL BE
DISCUSSING THIS QUESTION WITH AMBASSADOR LOW AT THEIR
MEETING TOMORROW MORNING.
2. IT MAY BE USEFUL UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TO RESPOND
TO ZAMBIAN CONCERNS OVER NAMIBIA AND NUJOMA'S RELATIONSHIP
WITH SOVIETS AND CUBANS AS REPORTED IN GENEVA 9707.
3. THEREFORE I RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM BE SENT TO
LUSAKA AND GENEVA FOR USE WITH BOTH KAUNDA AND CHONA.

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4. REF: GENEVA 9707. SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN CONCERNS ABOUT NAMIBIA.

A. REFTTEL DESCRIBES ZAMBIAN CONCERNS OVER COURSE OF EVENTS IN NAMIBIA IN VIEW FACT THAT NUJOMA IS FALLING INCREASINGLY UNDER SOVIET/CUBAN INFLUENCE AND CONTROL. ALTHOUGH THESE CONCERNS WERE GIVEN TO WISNER IN GENEVA, CHONA SPECIFICALLY TOLD WISNER THAT HE "HAD AN URGENT MESSAGE TO DELIVER." THEREFORE WE ASSUME HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE THEM.

B. WHILE ZAMBIANS WERE ALSO SEEKING PUT PRESSURE ON US TO SUPPORT THEIR VIEWS OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WISNER BELIEVES THAT THE ZAMBIANS ARE PERFECTLY SINCERE ABOUT THE SOVIET THREAT.

C. THEREFORE, AMBASSADOR LOW IN HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA DECEMBER 9 AND WISNER AT THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY WITH CHONA, SHOULD STATE FOLLOWING:

(1)--WE WERE VERY MUCH INTERESTED TO RECEIVE THE ZAMBIAN ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION CONCERNING SWAPO, SPECIFICALLY THE INCREASING SUSCEPTIBILITY OF NUJOMA TO SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE. WE BELIEVE THE ZAMBIAN CONCERNS MAY BE FULLY JUSTIFIED AND REFLECT OUR JOINT VIEWS AT THE TIME OF THE ANGOLAN CRISIS.

(2)--WE HAD HEARD OF A POSSIBLE HIGH LEVEL SOVIET VISIT TO THE AREA EARLY NEXT YEAR WHICH IS PROBABLY LINKED TO FUTURE SOVIET PLANNING FOR THE AREA.

(3)--WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE ZAMBIAN ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION. WE HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND NYERERE AND THE NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES ABOUT NAMIBIA AND HAVE CONTINUED TO HOPE THAT NUJOMA WOULD SOON RETURN TO LUSAKA WHERE HE COULD BENEFIT FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S COUNSEL. UNFORTUNATELY HE HAS NOT DONE SO AND WE ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER IF HE INTENDS TO DO SO IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEREFORE WE WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS PRESIDENT KAUNDA MIGHT HAVE AS TO ANY STEPS THE US COULD

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USEFULLY UNDERTAKE IN THIS SITUATION.

(4)--AS PRESIDENT KAUNDA KNOWS WE ATTACH VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE SECURITY OF ZAMBIA. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT

WE URGED THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST LEADERS TO COME TO AN AGREE-

MENT IN GENEVA WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A ZIMBABWE GOVERNMENT
WHICH WOULD NOT BE A THREAT TO ZAMBIA AND WOULD REDUCE
THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS OF ANY SOVIET DESIGN FOR

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

5. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE SENDING TELEGRAM TO
LUSAKA AND GENEVA FOR USE WITH KAUNDA AND CHONA.

A. APPROVE.

B. DISAPPROVE.

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